IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: D. STENKAMP, et al. Art Unit: 1624

U.S. Appln. No. 10/647,156 Examiner: T. TRUONG

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Title of Invention: New Carboxamide Compounds having Melanin
Concentrating Hormone Antagonistic Activity,

Pharmaceutical Preparations Comprising these Compounds

and Process for their Manufacture

Attorney Docket No.: 01-1387

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REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the September 11, 2008 non-final Office Action issued in the above-identified application. Applicants hereby respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97 is also submitted herewith. Applicants' agent notes that the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) will also be paid during electronic filing via the Revenue Accounting and Management System.

Furthermore, if it is determined that any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this Reply, authorization to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2955 will be provided during electronic filing.

Petition for extension of time begins on page two (2) of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page three (3) of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page eighteen (18) of this paper.

Application No. 10/647,156 Attorney Docket No. 01-1387 Response to Office Action dated September 11, 2008

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

It is hereby petitioned that the period for response be extended by three months pursuant to 37CFR 1.136(a), so that it will expire on March 11, 2009.